

the indefinite strike of lawyers;
(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of matrimonial cases pending in the courts for more than four years; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export Processing Zones

3817. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) the areas of activities of Export Processing Zones functioning in the country zone-wise separately,

(b) the performance of these zones during the last three years, separately ;

(c) whether any such Zones are proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh in near future to promote export oriented products of hill districts of the State ; and

(d) the details of units set up in the Noida Export Processing Zone and the steps taken to make this Zone more viable and competitive to International standards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are six Export Processing Zones Functioning in the country at Kandla, Bombay, Madras, Cochin, Noida, Falta. The seventh Zone at Visakhapatnam is under implementation. While the Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone, Bombay is meant exclusively for electronics and jewellery items, the other are multi-product zones.

(b) The export performance of the Zones during the last 3 years is as below:-

<i>Years</i>	<i>Exports (Rs. Crores)</i>
1988-89	516.52
1989-90	732.08
1990-91	982.72

(c) There is no proposal at present to set up another Zone in the State .

(d) At present 60 units in operation in the Noida Export Processing Zone and another 39 units are under various stages of implementation.

In order to make the Zone units more viable and competitive and meet international requirements, Government have recently announced a package for 100% Export Oriented Units and units in the EPZs as part of the new Trade Policy. This includes a revised procedure of application and processing of proposals under the two Schemes, delegation of some specific powers of Board of Approvals/Administrative Ministries to Development Commissioners of Export Processing Zones for 100% EOU's and EPZ units and certain procedural simplifications. Besides, the facility of Exim Scrips and International Price Reimbursement Scheme for supply of Iron and Steel have also been extended to these units.

India's Point Of View During GATT Negotiations

3818. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether US has extended the deadline for conclusion of special 301 provisions against India , if so , the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon;

(b) India's point of view during GATT negotiations held recently in Geneva and its impact on Indo-US trade relations ;

(c) whether US has shown any reaction on India's stand in the said summit, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of trade related investment